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1. SUMMARY: E/COUNS DISCUSSED US PROPOSAL FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC) WITH OYAKE (HEAD, INTERNATIONAL TRADE DIV, FONOFF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU) AND WITH OFFICIALS IN FONOFF UN BUREAU LED BY TANIGUCHI (HEAD, ECON AFFAIRS DIV). FONOFF OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY HAD NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSAL BUT DESIRED FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WFC AND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN) BEYOND MALMGREN STATEMENT IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH OYAKE NOVEMBER 13, E/COUNS, IN ACCORDANCE REF B, SOUGHT TO ELICIT JAPANESE COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE, VENUE AND SPONSORSHIP OF WFC IN MEETING WITH TANIGUCHI NOVEMBER 15. HIGHLIGHTS OF US POSITION ON WFC, TOGETHER WITH TEXT MALMGREN STATEMENT ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WFC AND MTN HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED TO TANIGUCHI.

3. RE SUBSTANCE OF WFC, TANIGUCHI SAID PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE CLEARLY DESCRIBES WHAT US HAS IN MIND FOR WFC. NEVERTHELESS, HE AND OYAKE BOTH EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING RE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WFC AND MTN. TANIGUCHI OPINED THAT US POSITION AS DESCRIBED REF B AND MALMGREN'S OCTOBER 26 STATEMENT SUGGESTED CONSIDERABLE OVERLAPPING OF WORK IN THE TWO FORA. E/COUNS DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT AT SOME LENGTH, EMPHASIZING THAT USG CONSIDERS THAT WORK IN EACH FORUM WOULD COMPLEMENT WORK IN THE OTHER.

4. RE SPONSORSHIP, TANIGUCHI QUESTIONED UTILITY OF UNSPONSORED CONFERENCE IN PREFERENCE TO FAO, EVEN THOUGH USSR AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT FAO MEMBERS.

5. TANIGUCHI SAID VIEWS HE WAS EXPRESSING WERE PURELY PERSONAL AND THAT FONOFF WOULD STUDY MATTER FURTHER AND COORDINATE WITH OTHER MINISTRIES BEFORE DRAWING UP INSTRUCTIONS TO JAPANESE FAO DELEGATION. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING PROVIDED ON USG POSITIONS, WHICH HE SAID WAS OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR GOJ DELEGATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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